

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MAY 27, 2003**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Present were Geri Clark, Jason Curtis, Richelle Gilhauley, Donnell Johnson, Willa Moore, Kitty Preziosi, Mayor Tom Truex, and Sharon Zane. Also in attendance were Assistant Town Clerk Barbara McDaniel and Clerk Nina Valdez recording the meeting. Jeanette Davis, Katherine Montgomery, and Denis Shaw were absent.

**2. SELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mayor Truex made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilhauley, to appoint Ms. Clark as chair. In a voice vote, with Ms. Davis, Ms. Montgomery, and Mr. Shaw being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

**3. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Mr. Curtis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to appoint Mayor Truex as vice-chair. In a voice vote, with Ms. Davis, Ms. Montgomery, and Mr. Shaw being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 25, 2003**

Ms. Preziosi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to accept the minutes of March 25, 2003. In a voice vote, with Ms. Davis, Ms. Montgomery, and Mr. Shaw being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**5.1 Diversity Festival**

Mr. Johnson spoke about the event and how he enjoyed seeing the representation of the different cultures and the way they embraced each other. He spoke about how he had observed people of all ages who seemed to enjoy the event. Mr. Johnson felt that the event was very positive and looked forward to next year's event, where he hoped that the Board would be more involved. He stated that there was a large variety of very good food and that it was reasonably priced. Mr. Johnson also stated that the Board's booth had many visitors who stopped by to ask questions, one in particular was from Broward County's Multicultural Ethnic Group that had given former Boardmember Norman Blanco pamphlets to encourage the Board's involvement with their program.

Chair Clark inquired whether the Board's pamphlets and magnets were distributed at the event and if they were displayed at Town Hall. Ms. McDaniel explained that they were displayed and distributed at the event and that the brochures would be updated with the new Councilmembers.

Chair Clark inquired if there was a charge to the vendors for their booths. Ms. McDaniel responded that there was no charge for the booths and that the vendors priced their own food and sold it for profit. She stated that for this first time event, in order to attract vendors, the vendors were offered spaces at no charge. Ms. McDaniel explained that at all other events, the booths are leased by the Town to vendors.

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Ms. Gilhauley stated that the Town should consider charging the vendors for next year's Diversity Festival and contribute the funds to different organizations in the Town. She thought that maybe the funds could benefit the Board with their brochures. Chair Clark stated that the Board could not accept funds. She stated that there were many organizations in the Town that could benefit from contributions. Chair Clark suggested at the next Diversity Festival vendors be asked to make a contribution for their space that would be donated to charitable organizations in the Town.

**5.2 Frequency of Meetings**

Chair Clark inquired about the motion previously passed regarding the change in meeting schedule and asked if the Board was still in consensus regarding that decision. The Board agreed that the new schedule was working and unless there was an Action Request that came in, the Board would meet every other month. Chair Clark stated that the Board should not just be involved with action requests, but actively involved with the community as well. She stated that the Boardmembers should think about ideas or projects they would like to be involved with in the community for discussion at the July meeting.

Ms. Zane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Curtis, to accept the current schedule of every-other-month meetings, unless there was an action request or issue that needed immediate attention. In a voice vote, with Ms. Davis, Ms. Montgomery, and Mr. Shaw being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Truex stated that diversity not only referred to race issues, but also included individuals with low income, housing type, or who were handicapped. He felt that those individuals were not properly represented on many of the Boards and that the problem may be the result of lack of transportation. Chair Clark suggested that the Councilmembers reach out to those types of individuals to become involved with the Boards by attending their homeowner's association meetings. She suggested an article for the Davie Update to educate residents on the changes they could help make in the Town by being involved with a Board.

Mr. Curtis suggested that Boardmembers from all Boards be contacted to see if they would be willing to be on a volunteer transportation list that Boardmembers without transportation could call for a ride. Ms. McDaniel suggested that the Housing and Community Development Department distribute information about the various Boards to residents when they apply for housing grants.

Chair Clark suggested that the Board prepare a letter regarding the transportation list to be presented to Council so that they may share it with the other Boards.

Vice-Chair Truex inquired about diversity within Town departments. Chair Clark responded that the Human Resources Department previously responded to the Board on that issue and could be invited back for an update.

Mr. Curtis inquired about the bathroom availability to the handicapped at Town Council meetings. Ms. McDaniel advised that bathrooms were available in Building "B." She advised

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that the bathrooms behind Council Chambers were not available to the public due to a security risk. Chair Clark thought that Building "B" was too far for a handicapped person. Vice-Chair Truex stated that he would bring the issue to the attention of the Councilmembers.

**7. TELEPHONE ACTION REQUESTS**

There were none. The Board reviewed the nature and procedures for the Telephone Action Requests, past issues that came before the Board, and Study Circles.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**9. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Zane stated that they believed there was a problem with flooding on the roads located at 3821 SW 60th Avenue and 14840 SW 21 Street. Chair Clark advised Mr. Johnson to prepare a Telephone Action Request form and Ms. McDaniel would submit it to Public Works for an answer.

Ms. McDaniel reminded the Board about the ordinance pertaining to absenteeism. The ordinance stated that if a Boardmember missed three consecutive meetings or more than 50% in a year period, they would automatically be dismissed from the Board.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair/Board Member